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SUBJECT: UNESCO RECRUITMENT

1. LAWRENCE A. SEYMOUR, US CITIZEN, CHIEF OF UNESCO'S
DIVISION OF STATISTICS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAS RE-
QUESTED PERMDEL'S ASSISTANCE AS REPORTED BELOW.

2. AS RESULT OF DISCUSSION IN THIRD MEETING OF COMMIT-
TEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (NEW YORK,
FEBRUARY 2-20, 1976), UNESCO BEING REQUESTED ACCELERATE
PREPARATION OF CLASSIFICATION OF R&D ACTIVITIES BY OB-
JECTIVE AND OTHER METHODOLOGY. IN ORDER RESPOND THIS
REQUEST, UNESCO'S OFFICE OF STATISTICS INTERESTED IN
OBTAINING ASSISTANCE OF SPECIALISTS IN THIS FIELD.

3. IN PARTICULAR, ASSISTANCE NEEDED IN PREPARING LIST OF
OBJECTIVES OF RESEARCH PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS IN FIELD OF
MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH, WHICH COULD BE INCORPORATED
IN HIERARCHICAL CLASSIFICATION LEADING TO 10 OR 12 GENE-
RAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GOALS. TWO POINTS SHOULD BE
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(A) THIS WILL BE "OBJECT" CLASSIFICATION, I.E., THE

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IS THE AIM OR PURPOSE OF THE WORK (NOT THE
THE "SUBJECT"), SPECIFICALLY THE PARTICULAR DISEASE OR
ORGAN BEING STUDIED. MOST THESAURI AND CLASSIFICATIONS
ALREADY DEVELOPED FOR DOCUMENTATION AND RETRIEVAL OF
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION ARE NOT SUITABLE IN
THEIR EXISTING FORM.

(B) ALTHOUGH ONE OF GENERAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
GOALS FORESEEN IS DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, MANY
TOPICS IN MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH WOULD CONTRIBUTE
TO OTHER GENERAL GOALS SUCH AS DEVELOPMENT OF AGRI-
CULTURE OR AMELIORATION OF ENVIRONMENT.

4. SEYMOUR HAS REQUESTED THAT INQUIRY BE MADE THROUGH
PERMDEL TO DHEW TO SEEK ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(A) DOES A SUITABLE CLASSIFICATION EXIST OR ONE
WHICH COULD BE ADAPTED TO THIS PURPOSE?

(B) IS THERE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO COULD UNDERTAKE TO
PREPARE SUCH A LIST FOR MODEST FEE? (IN THIS CONNEC-
TION, ONE POSSIBLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION IS MRS.
KATHRYN ARROW, OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION, PUBLIC
HEALTH SERVICE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH, BETHESDA,
FORMER STAFF MEMBER OF OFFICE OF SCIENCE RESOURCES
STUDIES, NSF, WHO HAS MADE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL METHODOLOGY IN FIELD OF
SCIENCE STATISTICS AND HAS PARTICIPATED IN RELATED
OECD ACTIVITIES.)

5. ASSUMING DHEW CONTACTS MRS. ARROW, SHE SHOULD
UNDERSTAND THIS IS INITIAL INQUIRY FOR INFORMATION PUR-
POSES ONLY AND NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AS COMMITMENT
EITHER ON HER PART OR UNESCO'S.

6. IN VIEW OF NEED TO ACCELERATE PROJECT, REQUEST
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